



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 29, 2016**  
**Schedule 12**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 12 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 11.

As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 29, 2016**

### **HB 403 Delegate Morhaim, et al**

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS – CHANGE ORDERS (STATE PROCUREMENT CHANGE ORDER FAIRNESS ACT)

Prohibiting a unit from requiring a prime contractor and a prime contractor from requiring a subcontractor to begin change order work under a contract until the procurement officer for the unit issues a specified written change order; requiring, under specified circumstances, a unit to pay an invoice for work performed and accepted under a change order within 30 days after the unit receives the invoice in accordance with a specified provision of law; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SF, § 11-203(b)(1) and (c) - amended and § 15-112 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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**HB 404 Delegate Pendergrass, et al****RICHARD E. ISRAEL AND ROGER “PIP” MOYER END-OF-LIFE OPTION ACT**

Authorizing an individual to request aid in dying by making specified requests; prohibiting another individual from requesting aid in dying on behalf of an individual; requiring a written request for aid in dying to meet specified requirements; establishing requirements for witnesses to a written request for aid in dying; requiring a written request for aid in dying to be in a specified form; requiring an attending physician who receives a written request for aid in dying to make a specified determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 3-103 - amended and HG, §§ 5-6A-01 through 5-6A-16 and IN, § 27-208.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Judiciary

**HB 405 Delegate Turner, et al****SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – ENERGY FOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION**

Exempting from the sales and use tax sales of electricity, steam, or artificial or natural gas to a homeowners association for use in property owned or maintained by the homeowners association; and requiring the Comptroller, on or before October 1, 2016, to provide specified information on the Comptroller’s Web site.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 11-207(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 406 Delegates Jameson and Folden****MOTOR FUEL TAX – AVIATION GASOLINE – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of aviation gasoline for purposes of the motor fuel tax; providing that “aviation gasoline” is gasoline that is intended to propel gasoline-powered aircraft and does not include gasoline intended to propel a motor vehicle; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 9-101(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 407 Delegate Lierman, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS DENTAL CLINIC**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$17,500, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Health Care for the Homeless, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Health Care for the Homeless Dental Clinic, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 408 Delegate Hill, et al****COMMISSION TO STUDY LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTING**

Establishing the Commission to Study Legislative and Congressional Districting; providing that the Commission include two members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, one of whom will be a cochair, and two members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House, one of whom will be a cochair of the Commission, and other specified members; requiring the Commission to study and report its recommendations regarding legislative and congressional districting by December 31, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 409 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – PROVIDING ALCOHOL TO UNDERAGE DRINKERS – PENALTIES (ALEX AND CALVIN’S LAW)**

Increasing the penalty for a first offense to a maximum imprisonment of 1 year or a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or both for the violation of specified prohibitions relating to obtaining or furnishing alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21 years or allowing an individual under the age of 21 years to possess or consume alcoholic beverages under specified circumstances; increasing penalties for a second or subsequent offense of specified violations to a maximum imprisonment of 2 years or a fine not to exceed \$7,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 10-121 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 410 Delegate O'Donnell, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – POACHING RESTITUTION ACT OF 2016**

Requiring a person convicted of poaching deer on privately owned land to pay the State restitution in accordance with specified requirements; authorizing a person convicted of poaching deer on privately owned land to pay a specified amount of restitution instead of performing community service under specified circumstances; requiring specified restitution collected to be credited to the State Wildlife Management and Protection Fund; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

NR, §§ 10-101(q) and 10-1101.1 - added and §§ 10-212(a) and 10-1102 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 411 Delegate M. Washington, et al****GENERAL ASSEMBLY – JOINT COMMITTEE ON ENDING HOMELESSNESS – MEMBERSHIP**

Adding three Senate members and three House of Delegates members to the membership of the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness; and requiring that members of the Joint Committee appointed as a result of the Act reflect the geographic diversity of the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, § 2-10A-15 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 412 Delegate Kaiser, et al****EDUCATION – ADMINISTRATION OF ASSESSMENTS – PROVISION OF INFORMATION**

Requiring each county board of education to provide information relating to each assessment administered in a local school system that includes the title, purpose, grade level tested, subject area, testing window, time to complete, loss of instruction time, and accommodations for students with special needs; requiring this information to be updated annually, posted online, and included in the county board's comprehensive master plan updates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-203.3 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 413 Delegates Carr and Cullison****OPEN MEETINGS ACT – MINUTES – VIDEO AND AUDIO STREAMING**

Providing that a public body need not prepare written minutes of an open session under the Open Meetings Act if live and archived video streaming is available, the live and archived video streaming is closed-captioned or a written transcript of the video streaming is available on request, and an electronic index that allows an individual to navigate directly to the relevant agenda item or portion of the meeting accompanies the archived video streaming.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, § 3-306 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 414 Charles County Delegation****MARYLAND INCOME TAX REFUNDS – CHARLES COUNTY – WARRANT INTERCEPT PROGRAM**

Altering the requirement for the Comptroller to withhold Maryland income tax refunds of specified individuals with outstanding warrants to include residents of Charles County or individuals who have outstanding warrants from Charles County; making nonsubstantive changes to specified termination provisions; making conforming changes; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TG, § 13-936, Chapter 451 of the Acts of 2012, § 3, as amended, and Chapter 213 of the Acts of 2013, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 415 Delegates Kipke and Simonaire****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – DOWNS PARK AMPHITHEATER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Anne Arundel County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Downs Park Amphitheater, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 416 Delegate Hill, et al****HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ACT – END-OF-LIFE DECISION-MAKING INFORMATIONAL BOOKLET**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with a the State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life, to develop an end-of-life decision-making informational booklet; requiring the Department to distribute the booklet to specified health care providers, make the booklet available to the public on a specified Web site, and annually review and update the booklet as necessary; requiring health care providers to provide the booklet to specified patients under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 5-629 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 417 Delegates West and Hill****STATE SONG – REPLACEMENT – STATE SONG SELECTION PANEL AND COMPETITION**

Establishing the State Song Selection Panel; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Panel; requiring the Panel to develop a plan for and conduct a specified State song competition and to carry out specified tasks relating to the competition; authorizing the Panel to solicit specified private contributions for a specified prize fund; requiring the Panel to report the finalists of the State song competition to the Governor and the General Assembly and to recommend specified legislation on or before December 1, 2016; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 418 Delegate M. Washington, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – MARYLAND STATE BOYCHOIR ADA IMPROVEMENTS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$325,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Maryland State Boychoir, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Maryland State Boychoir facility, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 419 Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, et al****PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS – CRITICAL INCIDENT STRESS MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Prohibiting a critical incident stress management team member from disclosing specified communications or information acquired from a law enforcement officer, a correctional officer, or an emergency responder in the course of providing critical incident stress management services; prohibiting a critical incident stress management team member from being compelled to testify in specified proceedings or investigations; establishing exceptions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 9-125 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 420 Delegate Waldstreicher, et al****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MINIMUM WAGE – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES (KEN CAPONE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT ACT)**

Prohibiting the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, except under specified circumstances, from authorizing work activities centers and specified sheltered workshops to pay employees with disabilities less than a specified minimum wage; requiring a State certificate issued by the Commissioner under a specified provision or law to expire no later than October 1, 2019; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

LE, § 3-414 - amended, LE, § 3-414.1 and SF, § 2-801 - added, and LE, §§ 3-414 and 3-414.1 - repealed

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 421 Delegate Jalisi, et al****FAMILY LAW – GRANDPARENT VISITATION**

Altering the circumstances under which an equity court may grant visitation rights to a grandparent of a child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 9-102 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 422 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al****INTEREST RATE ON TAX DEFICIENCIES AND REFUNDS**

Changing the calculation of the interest rate on tax deficiencies and refunds to set the interest rate at 12% per year; repealing a requirement that the Comptroller annually set the interest rate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017

TG, § 13-604 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 423 Delegate Morhaim****MARYLAND COMMISSION ON HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES**

Establishing the Maryland Commission on Health in All Policies; providing for the purpose, composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; specifying the duties of the Commission; requiring specified health impact assessments to be performed in a specified manner; requiring the Commission to report to the Governor and General Assembly on December 1 of each year on the findings from and recommendations based on any health impact assessments performed by the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, §§ 13-3401 through 13-3406 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 424 Delegate Morgan, et al****INCOME TAX – EXPENSING OF BUSINESS PROPERTY AND BONUS DEPRECIATION**

Limiting, with respect to property placed in service before January 1, 2016, the applicability of Maryland income tax modifications for specified deductions for the cost of business property that is treated as an expense for federal income tax purposes; limiting, with respect to property placed in service before January 1, 2016, the applicability of Maryland income tax modifications for a specified additional depreciation allowance under the federal income tax for specified business property; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-210.1(b)(1) and (3) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means



**HB 425 Delegate Morgan, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – REGISTRATION PLATES – VEHICLE MANUFACTURED WITHOUT MEANS TO DISPLAY FRONT PLATE**

Providing, for a vehicle required to display two registration plates, that the front registration plate may be stored inside the vehicle in a manner that makes the plate easily accessible for verification if the vehicle was manufactured without a means to secure and display a front plate.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 13-411(a) and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 426 Delegate Carr, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – BICYCLES AND MOTOR SCOOTERS – USE OF BIKE LANES**

Repealing the requirement that a person operating a bicycle or motor scooter use a bike lane paved to a smooth surface under specified circumstances; and authorizing a person to operate a bicycle or motor scooter on a roadway, shoulder, or bike lane, regardless of whether there is a bike lane available.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, §§ 21-1205.1(b) and 21-1209(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 427 Delegate Sophocleus (By Request – Anne Arundel County Administration)****INCOME TAX – OYSTER SHELL RECYCLING – CREDIT AMOUNT**

Increasing the maximum amount of the credit from \$750 to \$5,000 that an individual or corporation may claim against the State income tax for the recycling of oyster shells; and providing that the Act shall apply to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-724.1(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 428 Delegate Sophocleus (By Request – Anne Arundel County Administration)****PROPERTY TAX – INTEREST ON REFUNDS**

Altering the rate of interest at which specified money is required to be refunded to a taxpayer on a final determination of an appeal concerning a county or municipal corporation property tax or taxing district property tax to equal the rate of interest equivalent to the historical rate of return for the county or municipal corporation, as certified by the State Treasurer.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TP, § 14-611 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 429 Delegate Patterson, et al****TASK FORCE TO COMBAT HABITUAL STUDENT TRUANCY**

Establishing the Task Force to Combat Habitual Student Truancy; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding specified matters relating to habitual student truancy; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 430 Delegate Kaiser, et al****EDUCATION – STUDENT DATA PRIVACY COUNCIL**

Establishing the Student Data Privacy Council; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Council; prohibiting a member of the Council from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Council to study and make recommendations regarding the development and implementation of the Student Data Privacy Act of 2015; requiring the Council to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 431 Delegate Zucker, et al****MARYLAND ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (ABLE) PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to establish the Maryland ABLE Program to help promote financial savings to support individuals with disabilities in maintaining health, independence, and quality of life; renaming the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to be the Maryland 529 Board; requiring the Board to work in consultation with the Department of Disabilities regarding the Maryland ABLE Program; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 18-19C-01 through 18-19C-10 and TG, Various Sections - added and ED, ET, SF, and SG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 432 Delegate Clippinger, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – BALTIMORE MUSEUM OF INDUSTRY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Baltimore Museum of Industry, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Baltimore Museum of Industry, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 433 Delegate Lierman, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – BALTIMORE REGIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Southeast Community Development Corporation for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Baltimore Regional Education and Training Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 434 Delegate Fisher, et al****CALVERT COUNTY – PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION**

Exempting specified personal property from the Calvert County property tax beginning on the date on which Dominion Resources, Inc., makes its first payment in lieu of taxes payment to Calvert County; providing that specified personal property remains subject to the Calvert County property tax; providing that specified personal property subject to a payment in lieu of taxes agreement shall be subject to the Calvert County property tax on the termination of the agreement; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, § 7-402 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 435 Delegate Tarlau, et al****ELECTRIC COMPANIES – VEGETATION MANAGEMENT – LOCAL LAW, RULE, REGULATION, OR OTHER ACTION**

Repealing a prohibition against a county or municipal corporation taking specified actions that interfere with, or materially increase costs of, compliance with specified vegetation management standards under specified circumstances; requiring an electric company to attempt to work out a specified agreement with a county or municipal corporation to mitigate the impact of a local law, rule, regulation, or other action on efforts to comply with specified other vegetation management standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PU, § 7-213(e) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 436 Delegate W. Miller, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – SPEED MONITORING, WORK ZONE SPEED CONTROL, AND TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS – REPEAL**

Repealing the authority of counties and municipalities in the State to use speed monitoring systems to enforce highway speed laws; repealing the authority to use work zone speed control systems to enforce highway speed laws within work zones; repealing the authority to use traffic control signal monitoring systems to enforce traffic control signal laws; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, §§ 21-202.1, 21-809, and 21-810 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 437 Delegate Barron, et al****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE – PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – MODIFICATIONS**

Requiring that specified authorized providers and prescribers be registered with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program before obtaining a new or renewal controlled dangerous substance registration or by July 1, 2017, whichever is sooner; requiring that pharmacists be registered with the Program by a July 1, 2017; altering the mission of the Program; authorizing the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify and publish a list of monitored prescription drugs that have low potential for abuse; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 5-304 - amended and HG, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 438 Delegates Kramer and Fraser–Hidalgo****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT – VETERINARY CARE OF RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT K–9S ACT**

Requiring specified State and local law enforcement agencies to reimburse individuals who take possession of dogs formerly used in law enforcement work under specified circumstances for specified veterinary treatment; specifying that the reimbursement may not exceed \$2,500; authorizing specified State law enforcement agencies to accept public donations for the payment of specified veterinary expenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 3-514 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 439 Delegates Kramer and Fraser–Hidalgo****COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – DOOR–TO–DOOR SALES**

Altering the circumstances under which it is an unfair or deceptive trade practice for a seller in a door–to–door sale to fail to furnish a specified statement that specifies the time period in which a buyer has the right to cancel a transaction; clarifying when it is an unfair or deceptive trade practice for a seller in a door–to–door sale to fail to furnish a buyer with a specified “Notice of Cancellation” form; altering a specified time period for cancellation of a sale specified in a “Notice of Cancellation” form; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CL, §§ 14-301 and 14-302 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 440 Delegates Kramer and Fraser–Hidalgo****ELECTRIC COMPANIES – INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING FACILITY – COMPLETION OF INTERCONNECTION**

Requiring an electric company to complete interconnection of a customer–generator’s solar electric generating facility with the electric company’s distribution facilities by providing acceptance and final approval to operate within 30 days after completion of a specified installation process; and specifying that the installation process includes an approved interconnection application, completion of the installation of the solar electric generating facility, and completion of all necessary paperwork and documentation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PU, § 7-306.1 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 441 Delegate W. Miller****PUBLIC HEALTH – ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT AND MOBILE CRISIS TEAMS**

Providing that an application for assisted outpatient treatment may be submitted to a court by specified individuals; authorizing, under specified circumstances, a court to order assisted outpatient treatment for a specified individual; requiring the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System to include a crisis communication center in each jurisdiction or region to provide mobile crisis teams operating in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, §§ 10-929 through 10-937 - added and § 10-1403 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 442 Delegate Bromwell, et al****COUNTIES – TRANSPORTATION ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITY LAW  
– STATE HIGHWAY INTERSECTION**

Prohibiting a county from amending or repealing a transportation adequate public facility law in effect on January 1, 2016; requiring that the level of traffic congestion at a State highway intersection be determined by the State Highway Administration for the purpose of determining whether development is allowed under a county transportation adequate public facility law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LU, § 7-105 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 443 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, et al****AGRICULTURE – INDUSTRIAL HEMP – AGRICULTURAL OR  
ACADEMIC RESEARCH**

Authorizing the Department of Agriculture or an institution of higher education to grow or cultivate industrial hemp if the industrial hemp is grown or cultivated for agricultural or academic research purposes; requiring a site used by the Department or an institution of higher education to grow or cultivate industrial hemp to be certified by and registered with the Department; authorizing the Department to adopt specified regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

AG, §§ 14-101 and 14-102 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 444 Delegate C. Howard****ELECTION LAW – GENERAL ASSEMBLY CANDIDATE RESIDENCY  
FORM – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring an individual seeking to become a candidate for the General Assembly of Maryland to file a candidate residency form with the individual's certificate of candidacy; requiring the individual to state specified information on the form and explain specified discrepancies; altering the circumstances under which an individual may become a candidate for public or party office; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EL, §§ 5-202, 5-301(a), and 5-304 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 445 Delegate Lierman, et al****FOOD STAMP PROGRAM – MINIMUM BENEFIT – STATE SUPPLEMENT**

Requiring the State to provide a specified supplement to a household that receives a federally funded benefit in an amount less than \$30 per month under the food stamp program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HU, § 5-501 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 446 Delegate West, et al****STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL – REVISIONS**

Altering the membership of the Maryland Youth Advisory Council; specifying that the members must be residents of the State; altering the factors that specified persons are required to consider in deciding which youths to nominate as members of the Council; altering the duties of the Council; altering the duties that the Governor's Office for Children has in relation to the Council; providing that the offices of the Senate President and Speaker of the House of Delegates shall serve as advisors to the Council; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SG, § 9-2701 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 447 Charles County Delegation****CHARLES COUNTY – COUNTY TRANSFER TAX – REVENUE RECEIVED BY THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

Providing that the percentage of revenue from the Charles County transfer tax that the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county is entitled to receive is 0.5%; and providing that the Act applies retroactively to revenue received by the Clerk of the Circuit Court from the county transfer tax on or after August 8, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

CJ, § 2-213(e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation



**HB 448 Delegate Sydnor, et al****CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES – SELECTION, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERM OF OFFICE**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to repeal provisions relating to election of circuit court judges; requiring the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a qualified person to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of the circuit court; altering the term of office of circuit court judges from 15 to 10 years; requiring the Governor to reappoint a circuit court judge, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, upon the expiration of the judge's term; etc.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 2 and 3 - amended, §§ 5, 18B, and 21A - repealed, and §§ 5 and 5B - added and Art. XVIII, § 6 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 449 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****RELIEF FROM BUDGET MANDATES**

Providing that if a specified revenue estimate does not exceed a prior estimate the Governor is not required to include an appropriation in the budget for a program or item in an amount that exceeds the fiscal year 2018 appropriation for the program or item; requiring the Governor to fund specified mandated appropriations; prohibiting the General Assembly from enacting legislation that creates a new required level of funding in the annual budget bill for a specific program or item unless specified provisions are included; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 450 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****TAX CREDITS – MANUFACTURING EMPOWERMENT ZONES**

Establishing the Manufacturing Empowerment Zone Program to encourage business entities engaged in manufacturing outside the State to invest in manufacturing facilities within the State; authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to designate specified areas of the State as manufacturing empowerment zones; authorizing a county or municipal corporation to grant specified property tax credits; authorizing specified business entities to claim a specified credit against the State income tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

EC, § 5-102(10) & (11) - amended & EC, §§ 5-102(11) & 5-1501 through 5-1506, TP, §§ 9-257 & 9-258, & TG, §§ 10-207(cc) & 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 451    The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX – REVENUE DISTRIBUTION –  
MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL**

Altering a distribution of revenue from the State admissions and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic tip jars; providing that the Maryland State Arts Council is entitled to a specified distribution; repealing the Special Fund for the Preservation of Cultural Arts in Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

EC, § 4-801 - repealed and § 4-512(a) - amended and TG, § 2-202(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 452    The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****INCOME TAX – EARNED INCOME CREDIT – REFUNDABILITY**

Increasing to 28% for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015, the percentage of the federal earned income credit used to determine the amount that an individual may claim as a refundable credit under the Maryland earned income credit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-704(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 453    The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****MARYLAND EDUCATION CREDIT**

Allowing a tax credit against the State income tax for contributions made to specified student assistance organizations; requiring the Department of Economic Competitiveness and Commerce to administer the tax credit; requiring an entity to submit an application to be a student assistance organization on or before January 1 each year; establishing the Maryland Education Tax Credit Reserve Fund; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

EC, § 2.5-109(a)(4) - amended and TG, §§ 10-205(l), 10-306(g), and 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 454    The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****STATE EMPLOYEES – MERIT INCREASES IN SALARY**

Excluding State employees represented by the State Law Enforcement Officers Labor Alliance who are subject to a step increase effective April 1, 2016 in accordance with a specified agreement negotiated with the State from a specified prohibition against specified merit increases in salary.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Chapter 489 of the Acts of 2015, § 7(a) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 455    The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****INCOME TAX EXEMPTION AMOUNT – ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS**

Increasing, from \$1,000 to \$5,000, the exemption allowed under the State income tax for an individual that is not a fiduciary and is at least 65 years old on the last day of a taxable year; phasing in the increase over 4 taxable years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-211(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 456    The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – REVISIONS**

Requiring that specified authorized providers and prescribers be registered with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program before obtaining a specified new or renewal registration or by July 1, 2017, whichever is sooner; requiring that specified pharmacists be registered with the Program by a certain date; requiring specified prescribers and pharmacists to request and assess specified drug monitoring data under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 5-304 - amended and HG, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 457     The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – FILING FEES – REDUCTIONS**

Reducing on a specified timetable specified filing fees paid by corporations and other business entities to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

CA, § 1-203(b)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 458     The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATIVE  
REDISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION**

Creating the General Assembly and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Commission; requiring the Commission to divide the State to create General Assembly and congressional districts, as specified; providing for the membership, qualifications, and duties of the Commission; specifying requirements for the adoption of redistricting plans; requiring the Legislative Auditor to establish and administer an application process for individuals seeking appointment to the Commission; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 5 - repealed and added and EL, §§ 8-7A-01 through 8-7A-14 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 459     The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****FEE, SURCHARGE, AND TAX REDUCTION ACT OF 2016**

Altering, repealing, and reducing specified fees, surcharges, and taxes related to electricity distribution, Maryland Home Improvement Commission licenses, out-of-state attorneys, specified birth and death certificates, cylinder demurrage charges, special vehicle registrations, handgun licenses, licenses for specified weights and measures, wetlands and waterways authorizations, fishing licenses; altering the distribution, transfer, and use of specified revenue; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

PU, § 7-203 - repealed, TG, § 11-202 - added, and AG, BR, CJ, ED, EN, HG, NR, PS, SG, and TR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

**HB 460     The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION – STUDENT AND RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOANS**

Authorizing the Community Development Administration in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide financial assistance to homeowners under specified circumstances; authorizing the Administration to provide financial assistance to purchase a home and pay off student loan debts under specified circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Housing and Community Development to determine the terms and qualifications of specified financial assistance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HS, §§ 4-235(b), 4-237(a), 4-238(a)(1), and 4-240 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

**HB 461     The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****CRIMES – CRIMINAL GANGS – PROHIBITIONS AND FUNDING**

Altering the penalties for specified offenses relating to criminal gangs; prohibiting a criminal gang or an individual belonging to a criminal gang from receiving or investing specified proceeds in a specified manner; prohibiting criminal gangs and persons involved with criminal gangs from obtaining specified property under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, §§ 9-801 through 9-805 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85. - amended and CR, HG, and SF, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 462     The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****STATE TRANSFER TAX – DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE**

Reducing specified transfers from a specified special fund to the General Fund of the State for fiscal years 2017 and 2018; requiring in fiscal years 2017 and 2018 the distribution of specified amounts from a specified special fund for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TP, § 13-209(h) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 463    The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$4,680,000, the proceeds to be used as grants to the Interagency Committee on School Construction and the Maryland State Department of Education for the renovation, repair, and capital improvements of qualified zone academies; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds and the further grant of funds to eligible school systems for specified purposes, subject to a requirement that the grantees document the provision of a required matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 464    The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH (P-TECH) SCHOOLS ACT OF 2016**

Establishing a specified number of Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) schools in the State; requiring the State to provide a specified grant to P-TECH schools beginning in a specified fiscal year for specified costs; providing that the grant may not exceed a specified amount in specified fiscal years; requiring a county board to pay for dual enrollment costs for P-TECH students; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

ED, §§ 8-801 and 18-14A-07 - added and § 18-14A-04 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations